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REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed December 22, 2006. Claims 1 and 4-32 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4-15, and 19 are allowed.

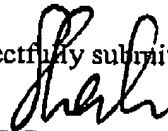
Claims 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 415191 to Pozzetti. Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pozzetti in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,694,779 to Hammond.

Consistent with the Examiner's reasons of allowance of claims 1, 4-15, and 19, claim 27 is now amended to bringing claims 27-31 to allowance. Applicant reserves the right to file these claims in a continuation application.

The application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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